



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Nobuko IMAJO et al.

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For: **POLYPEPTIDE AND PROCESS FOR MEASURING LIVING BODY COMPONENTS USING THE SAME**

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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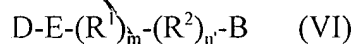
Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 11 and 12 as follows:

11. (Twice Amended) A compound according to claim 7, which is represented by the formula:



B1 wherein D is a maleimido group; E is a spacer; m is an integer of 3 to 30; R¹'s are, the same or different, independently an amino acid residue introducing a strong acid residue therein via reactive group of the amino acid residue, each R² is an amino acid residue having no strong acid residue; each reactive group in each side chain of the amino acid residue being able to be protected; n' is an integer of 1 to 27; and B is a hydroxyl group or a protective group of C-terminus.